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SATURDAY, JUNE 4, 1870.

THE INCOME TAX.

THE ACTION of the House of Representatives yesterday in refusing to abolish the income tax will create much dissatisfaction and indignation in all parts of the country, except perhaps in a few of the extreme Western or Southern States, where not one man out of ten thousand has sufficient income to make him liable to the tax. The tax was continued mainly by the votes of the Western and Southern members, whose constituents are little affected by it, and who are anxious to throw as much as possible the burden of supporting the Government on other shoulders than their own. The disposition made of the tax by the House was to decrease it from five to three per cent., and to increase the exemption from one thousand to two thousand dollars. This will of course relieve many from the payment of the tax who are now liable to it, but it is not at all what is wanted. As has been explained again and again, it is not the amount of the tax that is objected to so much as its inquisitorial character. It is an unjust imposition that men should be compelled to disclose their most private business affairs, except under the pressure of a most urgent necessity. Such a necessity did exist when the income tax was first imposed, and knowing this, it was submitted to patiently, especially as a definite limit was placed upon it by Congress. The tax is no longer a necessity, and its objectionable features have been more and more apparent with each year of its existence, until the feeling against it is so strong that it is remarkable any member of Congress should have the temerity to vote for its continuance, if he hopes to retain his seat. We hope sincerely that the Senate will understand the temper of the people on this subject better than the House of Representatives seems to do, and will consent to its total abolition without any reservation whatever.

CONTESTED ELECTION EXPENSES.

THE PRACTICE of contesting elections to the National House of Representatives has of late years grown to be an evil of the first magnitude, and some measures are imperatively needed to prevent unsuccessful candidates drawing thousands of dollars from the treasury at every session of Congress as they do now. Under the very loose way in which matters are managed at present, contesting elections has become a profitable business, by which impudent and unscrupulous politicians are able to pocket large sums to which they have not the shadow of a claim. Most of the contestants who have appeared before the House lately have been able to present no arguments in support of their pretensions that were worthy of a moment's consideration, and yet the House has not only wasted its time in hearing them, but it has paid them handsomely for dancing attendance in the committee-room and for buttonholing members in the lobby. On Thursday the House adopted a resolution to pay to Caleb S. Hunt \$2000, to J. H. Sypher \$4000, to Louis S. Martin \$4000, to George W. McCrane \$3000, to Frank Morrey \$3000, and to Michael Ryan \$3500, for time spent and expenses incurred in the prosecution of their respective claims to seats in the House from the State of Louisiana.

As an offset to this a bill was introduced by Mr. Paine, of Wisconsin, to regulate the compensation in the case of contested elections. This provides that no money shall be paid in a contested election case to either the sitting member or the contestant until the case is determined, when the mileage and compensation shall be paid only to the person to whom the seat shall finally be awarded. The person against whom the decision is made is to receive only the amount actually and necessarily expended in defending his right. The bill gave rise to an animated debate, in which the facts were elicited that the amount paid during twelve years up to the beginning of this Congress to men whom the House had decided to have no just claims was \$175,505, and to that sum the present Congress has added \$50,000. During the twelve years above mentioned there were sixty-five contested elections in the House, and only sixty-three in all the years before the foundation of the Government. There had been thirty more in the present Congress, making ninety-five contests in fourteen years.

These facts and figures are sufficient to show how great the evil has become, and in view of the fact that a large majority of the contestants had no reasonable claims, and disputed the election of their opponents out of sheer impudence and knavery, the best plan to put a stop to the whole business would be to refuse any compensation whatever to those who are unsuccessful in convincing the House of their right to seats. It may be objected to this that it would, in the majority of instances, prevent persons who honestly thought they were defrauded of their elections from prosecuting their claims; but the case is one that clearly calls for a decisive remedy, and in view of the few honest contestants that have appeared before the House, it is better to run the risk of doing a possible injury than to submit any longer to the present scandalous imposition. To pay the expenses of an unsuccessful contestant is an act of mere generosity on the part of Congress, and Congress has no right to be generous with the public money; and neither in law nor equity ought the public

treasury to be made chargeable with the expenses of men who may choose to assume that they are elected to office. The bill offered by Mr. Paine is a move in the right direction, but it does not go far enough. It is better than nothing, however, and if some plan of greater merit is not proposed, we hope that it will be adopted as a partial check, at least, on the operations of men like the Louisiana carpet-baggers who bagged the neat sum of \$19,500 by the vote of the House on Thursday.

PRESIDENT GRANT yesterday nominated Wayne McVeigh, Esq., of Chester, to the Senate for the mission to Constantinople, to take the place of Hon. E. Joy Morris, of this city. We think that there is eminent propriety in the appointment of Mr. McVeigh. He is the son-in-law of Senator Cameron, and cannot get office from the people of his country, district, or State. His last effort was less than two years ago, when, with all the appliances Cameron could command to aid him, he was beaten only five to one in the convention. Being a son-in-law of Cameron, he must of course have office; and as he can't get it from the people, he must get it from Grant. At first the Cabinet was selected, and it was announced by Cameron that McVeigh would soon succeed Attorney-General Hoar, but rather than miss a second-class mission is now accepted. The appointment will cost the Republican party of Chester county a reduction in its majority of five hundred or so, and many thousands in the State; but no matter, Cameron and his family must be provided for. We beg to remind President Grant in time that Cameron has another son-in-law who will soon be in the political hospital. Hon. R. J. Haldeman, Democratic member of Congress from the Cumberland, York and Perry district, was not a member of the Cameron family ten years ago, and was therefore elected to Congress. A few weeks ago he became the brother-in-law of Mr. McVeigh and the son-in-law of Mr. Cameron, and he is now just about as likely to be re-elected to Congress as he is to journey by railway to the moon. On the fourth of March next he will be out of employment, and not wanted by his people for any public station. We therefore put in a word for him with the President in time, so that a pleasant place may be ready for him when his constituents discard him. True, he is a sort of a Democrat, but he will soon take on all of Cameron's facility in adapting his principles to suit the powers that be. Don Cameron can now take the next vacancy in the Cabinet, and then things will be altogether lovely. Pennsylvania may give 50,000 Democratic majority, but who cares for elections?

By THE CORRESPONDENCE published in another column, it will be seen that a number of prominent citizens of Germantown have urged William Rotch Wister, Esq., to accept the Republican nomination for Representative from the Fifth Congressional district, and that Mr. Wister has consented to allow his name to be used. Mr. Wister is a gentleman of well-known ability and integrity of character, and in event of his receiving the nomination, he will be entitled to the hearty support of the citizens of the Fifth Congressional district, and will doubtless represent their interests in an efficient manner in the House of Representatives if he is elected.

RELIGIOUS NOTICES.

- CENTENARY FAIR AND FESTIVAL.—The ladies of the CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH hold a Fair and Lecture, at the Lecture room of their Church, Locust Street, below Broad, for the benefit of the Murray Fund, opening on TUESDAY EVENING, June 7, at 6 o'clock, and continuing from 3 to 10 o'clock P. M., on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, 8th, 9th, and 10th instants. A great variety of fancy and useful articles will be offered for sale with abundance of good music. STRAWBERRIES, ICE CREAM, AND OTHER REFRESHMENTS. Season tickets, 25 cents. Single tickets, 10 cents. 6404
- CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—N. L. E. corner FRANKLIN and THOMPSON Streets. Rev. JAMES Y. MITCHELL, Pastor.—Services by the Rev. Dr. HENRY F. THOMAS, Jr., of Olney, Ill., at 10 o'clock, and by the Rev. Dr. S. A. M. MELLÉ, of Y. of Bridgeport, Ohio, at 8 P. M. The Anniversary of the School will be held at 3 P. M. The exercises will consist of singing, reading of Scriptures, prayers, etc., and addresses by the Rev. Dr. MITCHELL and others.
- FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—WASHINGTON Square.—Rev. THRO. L. CUYLER, D. D., will preach to-morrow at 10 1/2 A. M., and Rev. JOSEPH H. HITCHCOCK, D. D., at 8 P. M. Rev. H. L. HITCHCOCK, D. D., will lecture on Saturday evening at 8 o'clock.
- REV. A. A. WILLITS, D. D., PASTOR, will preach in the WEST ARCH STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, corner of EIGHTH and ARCH Streets, to-morrow at 10 1/2 A. M., and Rev. R. W. PATTERSON, D. D., of Chicago, at 8 P. M.
- SIXTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—SPRING STREET, below Sixth.—Rev. S. P. WILSON, of Illinois, will preach at 10 1/2 o'clock A. M., Dr. D. B. McCARTER, of Medical Missionary Society in China, will be at Sunday School in the afternoon, and will preach at 8 o'clock P. M. Seats free in the evening. Strangers cordially invited.
- CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—EIGHTH and CHERRY Streets (Rev. A. REED, D. D., Pastor).—Rev. F. DE W. WARD, D. D., of New York, will preach to-morrow (Sunday) morning at 10 o'clock, and Rev. Dr. CUYLER, of Brooklyn, in the afternoon at 4 o'clock.
- CALVARY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—LOCUST Street, above Fifth.—Rev. Dr. H. H. HUMPHREY, Pastor.—Services at 10 1/2 A. M. and 8 P. M. Rev. H. L. HITCHCOCK, President of Western Reserve College, will preach in the morning, and Rev. JAMES H. TROWBRIDGE, of Chicago, in the evening.
- CLINTON STREET CHURCH, TENTH Street, below Spruce.—Rev. Dr. BIERCKE, of Ohio, to-morrow at 10 1/2 A. M., and Rev. Dr. WARDEN, of Oswego, N. Y., at 8 P. M. Evening subject, "Chicago Life." All persons cordially invited.
- ALEXANDER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—NINTH and GREEN Streets.—Preaching to-morrow at 10 1/2 A. M., by the Pastor, Rev. GEORGE F. CAIN, and at 8 P. M. by Rev. Dr. E. E. SWIFF, of Allegheny City, Pa.
- TABERNACLE BAPTIST CHURCH.—Cheesnut Street, west of Eighteenth Street.—Rev. GEORGE A. PELTZ will preach to-morrow Morning and Evening. Services commence at 10 1/2 and 7 1/2 o'clock.
- PENN SQUARE PRESBYTERIAN Church.—BROAD Street, above Cheesnut.—Rev. HENRY C. COOK, Pastor, will preach to-morrow, at 10 1/2 A. M., and at 8 P. M.
- ST. CLEMENT'S CHURCH, TWENTY-FIFTH and CHERRY Streets.—Service (Choral) and sermon to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock. At this service the seats will be free.
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- ANNIVERSARY OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOLS OF ZION EPISCOPAL CHURCH, corner of EIGHTH Street and COLUMBIA Avenue, Sunday, June 5, at 9 o'clock.
- CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, WALNUT and NINTH Streets.—Service to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock. Sermon by Rev. WILLIAM W. NEWTON.

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- NORTH TENTH STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—below Girard Avenue. Rev. M. NEWBURN, Pastor.—Rev. Dr. J. COBBIN will preach at 10 1/2, and Rev. GEORGE PATTON at 8 o'clock. Strangers especially invited.
- TRINITY M. E. CHURCH, EIGHTH Street, above Race.—The Rev. H. A. CLEVELAND will preach to-morrow morning at 10 1/2, and in the evening at 8 o'clock.
- REV. F. C. FOULKE, OF CUMBERLAND, will preach in the NORTH U. P. CHURCH, MASTER Street, above Fifteenth, to-morrow, at 7 P. M.
- NORTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, SIXTH Street, above Green.—Preaching to-morrow (Sunday) by the Pastor, Rev. E. L. ALDINE, at 10 1/2 morning, and 8 o'clock evening. Strangers always welcome.

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